

Middletown Commission on the Arts

Minutes, September 28, 2011

Present

Lea Tomaszewski
David Davis
Barbara Arafah
Jenny Hawkins Lecce (Sec.)
Lee Godburn (Chair)
Joyce Kirkpatrick
Cassandra Day
Charlotte McCoid (7:20p)
David Bauer (Council)
Bob Santangelo (Council)

Also Present

Stephan Allison, staff

Absent

Fran Ganguli
Richard Kamins
Chelsea Rak

Call to order

Commission Chair Godburn called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Municipal Building, room 208, Middletown, CT.

Public session: No public in attendance.

Minutes from July 27, 2011

Motion by David Bauer to accept minutes, Bob Santangelo seconds. Carried unanimously.

Remarks from the Chair

Commission Chair Godburn welcomes our newest member David Davis.

Old Business

Budget Report-

- i) Report reviewed.
- ii) Stephan noted that the state's funding for MCA will be delayed by several months and will mean that one of the assistants in the MCA office will be paid only for the next six weeks. MCA will lose that employee until funding (generally received in Sept/Oct) will hopefully arrive around January.

Program Update-

- i) Arts Stakeholders Group/Website arts2GO.org: Bug in the system for website is being addressed and in the meanwhile, people are beginning to use the site.
- ii) Arts & Creative Industries Council (Chamber of Commerce): Stephan gave the arts2GO.org tutorial during their Sept. meeting and the Arts & Creative Ind. meets again on October 13.

Ethics Code- Gift Limits, no news. Commissioners may receive gifts whose total value does not exceed \$50. per annum.

Other (Including Reorganization and Coordinator Position):

The dates have been set for the next Arts Advocacy Days: April 16th, 17th 2012

The Chamber is holding its Annual Middlesex Business to Business Expo on October 28th, 2011

Committee Reports

Public Art Committee

- i) Catalogue of Public Art Collection: in progress.
- ii) MCAAAA: successfully continuing the program.

Planning & Projects Committee:

- i) Arts Walk: fulfilled commitment and plan to streamline and merge efforts with other city entities for next year.

Nominating Committee

- i) Commission Vacancy (1). Commission will begin to compile names for nominees and is asking Commissioners to bring suggestions to the October meeting.
- ii) Review of Bylaws: Godburn plans to have this review over the winter.

Other: (Publicity Committee, Kids Arts Committee, Archive Committee): no report this month.

New Business

Grant Policy Review Stephan will amend the language to state that if you are a registered business then you do not need a letter of support in your grant application. He will bring the new language to the next meeting.

Grants Panel and Meeting Date for 9/15/11 Grant Applications:

Interviews will be scheduled for the 17th beginning at 6 p.m. in Room 208 of Municipal Building. Lee, Cassandra, Jenny will attend the interviews and Lea is the alternate.

Arts & Humanities Month (October): Nothing to report.

Subcommittee Assignments: Chair Godburn will review the subcommittees and will add or change Commissioners participation on a committee. All Commissioners are asked to serve on a subcommittee, but Lee would like to see everyone sign up for a minimum of two subcommittees.

Student Representative(s): Lee will be pursuing the annual appointment of our student representatives. Last year the Commission asked for two students, and Lee will be looking for two this year as well.

Open Air Market- Rescheduled 10/23/11: Stephan will remind everyone via email of the time slots.

Miscellaneous

Updated MCA Mail List: distributed and corrected.

Grant Reports: Commissioners reviewed the following grant reports:

- i) Connecticut Ballet (3/15/11)
- ii) Mt. Olive Church (3/15/11)
- iii) Nancy Goodrich (1/15/10)
- iv) Middletown Public Schools (1/15/10)
- v) Oddfellows Playhouse (1/15/10)

Thank You Note – Russell Library: Received and appreciated.

Announcements: Barbara shared that she attended the Chamber's recognition breakfast of Joyce Kirkpatrick's long career of volunteerism in Middletown. Barbara brought attention to Newpoli who will play on the 22nd of October at the Performing Arts Center at the High School. David Bauer stated that the field, Donovan Park, behind McDonough elementary school is getting a pavilion for picnics, etc. David also noted that the ADA covered access for the underpass is under development and may present some design, art input.

Adjournment

David Bauer moved to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. seconded by Bob Santangelo and the Commission will next meet for its regular monthly meeting on October 26, 2011.

Respectfully submitted
Jenny Hawkins Lecce